

# FLORENCE RIDEOUT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2025

What is  
new at  
FRES?

The 4th Grade popcorn fundraiser started! The fundraiser is taking place in order to raise funds for the greenhouses and lights for the economic unit. We are excited to be enhancing the economic unit with more direct student involvement and community participation. By having students raise money, purchase necessary equipment, plant and grow plants, and in return offer to the community during the annual plant sale. This new and enhanced economic unit will give students a hands-on approach and a better understanding of the complete picture of their products and profits.

Although we will not be hosting a Celebration of Learning this spring, we will be displaying student work at the district meeting at WLC on March 8th. Be sure to check out some amazing students work on your way into the district meeting.

At this time, we are kindly reminding parents/guardians to either update PickUp Patrol and/or call into the front office to notify of their students absence to avoid unnecessary phone calls home.

We are again requesting that parents to please park in a parking spot and walk their student to the front office if the back drop off is closed. Please do not park in the handicap parking and do not drop off your student in the road. We appreciate all the support in the safety measure.

EARLY RELEASE DAY  
SCHEDULE  
DISMISSAL IS AT 11:30AM

PTO MEETING  
DATE CHANGE  
WEDNESDAY 2/19/2025

- As of Tuesday, February 4th we have been in school for 100 days!!!



# LYNDEBOROUGH CENTRAL NEWSLETTER

What is  
new at  
LCS?

HAPPY  
*Valentine's Day*

Kindness is in the air at LCS! The kindergarten students made Valentine cards for a local nursing home.

In math, all kindergarten students have been practicing "taking away" and finding the difference. On Friday February 21st, we will be having a school-wide Pancakes and PJ's celebration. All students are invited to wear his/her coziest PJs! The staff will be making some delicious pancakes with yummy sides. We hope you have a FABULOUS weekend!



# WINTER ART HAPPENINGS WITH MR. LAMERS

## Kindergarten

The children have been busy exploring the use of geometric shapes to make animals in two and three dimensions. First they drew and then painted a large owl in the winter snow. Currently, they are using model magic to first practice making geometric 3D shapes like a cube, cylinder, cone and sphere. Then they used their skills to make a snail and will be painting them this week!

## First Grade Art

The children have finished a multi-day printmaking project exploring the ancient Japanese art of Gyotaku. "Gyo" translates to fish in Japanese and "taku" roughly translates to impression or rubbing. This is a form of nature printing which dates back to the 1800's and was used by fishermen to record their catches. Students used various synthetic fish to print, cut the fish print out and glued it onto an underwater scene using a watercolor resist. These can be seen near the office lobby. They are currently doing a great job making folded paper animals using collage techniques.



## Second Grade Art

Second graders explored 3D shapes creating a turtle using Model Magic. They made a pinch pot and flipped upside down for the turtle's shell, added legs, head and tail then painted a design on the turtle's shell. Jewels were optional to add to the shell, legs or head. A colored under sea or above ground environment was created by folding paper for the turtle to live in. The turtles are in the display case on the second floor. Currently, students are exploring the art of frottage (rubbing) by making a collage template of a silly face of their choice.



## Third Grade Art

Students continued to explore color and value by painting an image of Snowmen at Night inspired by the children's book of the same name. A moon was painted first with light blue to dark blue-violet value changes using tempera paint. Snowmen were painted on and then embellished with faces, scarves, hats and shadows from the bright moon. Third graders just started a recyclable mask project. They were introduced to mask making methods, materials and cultural backgrounds from all over the world.



## Fourth Grade Art

Students are trying to be the best artists they can be by using one point perspective to create a landscape that includes a road and a house. They drew a horizon line and added a dot (vanishing point) in order to use rulers and create a picture in perspective. Diminution of objects (large near, small far away) creates the illusion of space as well. Students used color to explore the concept of atmospheric perspective where objects are darker near the viewer and progressively get lighter in the distance.



## Fifth Grade Art

The students have been successful in their exploration of landscapes! Using limited colors they painted a Winter Tonal Landscape with only white, blue, turquoise and green paint. The colors were blended with white to create tints representing the shadows that are cast on the snow. They each have colored a figure representing a winter sport and can be seen in the downstairs lobby. Previously the students used watercolors and colored pencils to make a seascape of a New England lighthouse.

# LIBRARY TIME WITH MS. LOISELLE

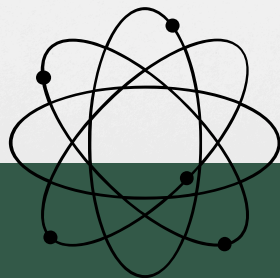
Hello from the library! We've been very busy in the library recently, reading lots of books during the colder months and working together to make sure they are all coming back and making their way back on the shelves. If your student received an overdue notice and is having trouble finding missing books, please encourage them to double check their desks, cubbies and classroom libraries at school in addition to their library book spot at home.

In class, students have been working hard on new topics and projects. First graders just finished a unit on Caldecott Award winning author Sophie Blackall, studying her writing and illustration techniques. Grade two is learning about different genres, focusing on historical fiction, science fiction, and moving into mysteries. Third graders are writing book reviews for inclusion on our school website. In fourth grade, we are working on a research project which will culminate in a slideshow presentation that emulates a website. And in fifth grade, we will begin working on passion projects, where students will identify an area of interest and design their own creative research projects.

If you are ever interested in learning more about the library and looking through our school catalog, the library website can be found under the Academics tab of the FRES website <https://www.sau63.org/Domain/8>. As always, please reach out with any questions to [s.loiselle@sau63.org](mailto:s.loiselle@sau63.org).



**5TH GRADE HAS BEEN  
GROWING MOLD, AND  
MAKING HYPOTHESIS  
AND OBSERVATIONS!**



## Riddle of the Week:

If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it?

The first 5 students who know the answer and who come to the front office will receive a small prize.

Last weeks answer to the riddle is a "stamp"!

HELP!!!

SAU 63 is currently looking for substitute teachers for all areas and all grades. If you would like to be a part of our team, please fill out the applications today!



## Upcoming Events

- 2/21 Winter Dance at FRES PTO
- 2/24-2/28 Mid-Winter Break
- 3/7 Skate Night at FRES
- 3/8 Annual District Meeting - Child care will be provided
- 3/20 Spring Concert (K,1st,2nd)

DISTRICT MEETING: SATURDAY,  
MARCH 8TH @ 9:00 AM  
SNOW DATE MONDAY, MARCH 10TH,

DISTRICT VOTING:  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH  
@ 8AM-7PM WILTON  
@ 10AM-7PM LYNDEBOROUGH



**4TH GRADE FUNDRAISER**  
**HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!**

# **PREORDER YOUR POPCORN EACH THURSDAY IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!**

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The fourth graders are trying to raise money to purchase greenhouses with grow lights for our upcoming economics unit.

AN ALLERGY SAFE ALTERNATIVE POPCORN WILL BE OFFERED FOR STUDENTS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES.

**STUDENTS CAN PREORDER 1 BAG OF  
POPCORN FOR \$1.00. PAYMENT IS DUE ON  
THURSDAY. POPCORN WILL BE DELIVERED  
ON FRIDAY MORNINGS.**

Preorders will be taken on February 6th , February 13th and February 20th

# WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

Join us

In the FRES Gym

February 21

5:30pm-7:30pm

Come & Dance the night away before February  
Vacation!



**SIGN UP FOR SOFTBALL NOW  
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT ON THE  
TEAM!**



**SOFTBALL REGISTRATION ENDS  
3/9!**

**THE WJAA IS NOW  
ACCEPTING  
REGISTRATIONS FOR  
SPRING SOFTBALL  
8U, 10U, AND 12U**

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